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## Why Do I Have To Take This?

<b>Grade Level</b>	Fifth
<b>Minimum Time Required</b>	20 - 30 Minutes
<b>Materials/Resources</b>	SD Career Wonders page 30 Available from the Labor Market Information Center, Aberdeen SD 626-2314
<b>Subject Area(s)</b>	Guidance

### Project Description:

1. Lead a discussion as to why we need the subjects we take in school such as Language Arts and social studies.
2. Distribute the handout to the students. (It is suggested to copy it without the answers at the bottom). Have students try to match up the subject with the work activity and the career.
3. Give students the correct answers and discuss how the subjects relate.

<b>Career Development Standard</b>	Awareness of the benefits of educational achievement.
<b>Career Development Indicator</b>	Describe school tasks that are similar to skills essential to job success. Describe how academic skills can be used in the home and community.
<b>Delivery Level</b>	Mastery
<b>Academic Standards</b>	
<b>Language Arts</b>	4.2.c Use appropriate conventions of language in personal communication.
<b>Employability/SCANS Skills</b>	Thinking Skills Basic Skills Personal Qualities
<b>Assessment/Rubric</b>	Students will be evaluated based on the completed worksheet.

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## How do classroom activities relate to careers? See if you can figure it out!

What really is the point of all the classes you have to take in junior and high school, anyway? All of the “core classes” help you build many basic skills that are needed across all types of jobs. Some examples of these skills are reading comprehension, active listening, written and verbal communication, math, computers, problem solving, etc. In addition to these basic skills that all employers look for, your school courses also help you gain skills in thousands of career-specific areas. A few examples are below. See if you can figure out which classroom activity in which subject will help a student learn skills to complete a work activity in a career. Using the number of each subject, write each work activity and then which career that school subject and classroom activity would most directly prepare you for. You may find that some of the class room activities would even help you prepare for more than one work activity and career!

Subject	Classroom Activity	Work Activity	Career
1. Art.....	Draw pictures of buildings	___Write news reports for TV	___Architect
2. Civics.....	Learn how the justice system works	___Test water for pollution	___Accountant
3. English.....	Write a book report	___Help people with their taxes	___Water Treatment Operator
4. Math.....	Do addition and subtraction	___Prepare a defense for a person accused of a crime	Journalist
5. Music.....	Learn about different styles of music	___Help the poor and hungry	___Administrative Assistant
6. Reading.....	Master reading comprehension	___Interview Spanish-speaking Americans for job openings	___Dancer/Choreographer
7. Science.....	Do a science experiment	___Make up a dance for a Broadway show	___Paralegal
8. Social Studies...	Study how people live	___Summarize a 20-page report in one paragraph for your boss.	___Social Worker
9. Spanish.....	Learn to speak Spanish	___Give a presentation to convince leaders of a large organization to hold their next conference at your convention center	___Employment Interviewer
10. Speech.....	Research, write and give a persuasive speech	___Design a house	___Public Relations Specialist

Answers: Work Activities 3, 7, 4, 2, 8, 9, 5, 6, 10, 1 Careers 1, 4, 7, 3, 6, 5, 2, 8, 9, 10